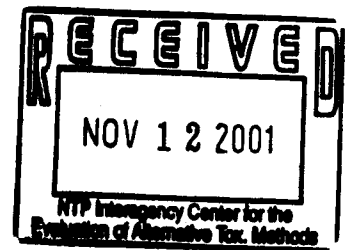


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**November 10, 2001**

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**SUBJECT:**

**"Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro Methods  
for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity".  
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**Dear Dr. Stokes:**

**PLEASE ADOPT THE NEW NON ANIMAL TEST METHODS IMMEDIATELY!**  
Please use in-vitro cell cultures as a permanent replacement for  
lethal animal tests. The non-animal test methods have been  
considered for nearly 20 years. However, every year millions upon  
millions of sentient animals are continuously suffering and dying in  
the excruciating pain and agony because of bureaucratic inertia.

What you have done so far is a step in the right direction because it may reduce the number of animals killed, it does not go far enough. Government agencies should use in vitro cell culture tests to completely replace the use of animals in lethal dose tests as well as many other painful killing tests and torturing the innocent.

As Dr. Richard Klausner, the director of the National Cancer Institute in the United States said :

"The history of cancer research has been a history of curing cancer in the mouse.....We have cured mice of cancer for decades—and it simply didn't work in humans."

The LD50 is slowly being phased out internationally .  
The non-animal, in vitro tests were put through rigorous, international scientific scrutiny. They provide much more accurate estimates of human toxicity than animal tests:

Again, Please use in-vitro cell cultures as a permanent replacement for the outdated, very cruel and terrified lethal animal tests. Please adopt the new non-animal test methods immediately. Please push this most meaningful way of tests which is beneficial for humans and animals to every corner of the United States. Thank you for your consideration in this very serious matter.

Sincerely,  
Camille M. Blassingame

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